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Exchange Program with the Colorado School Of Mines (CSM)

On March 12, a group of five Bolivian community leaders will depart Bolivia to go to the United States where they will spend a week learning about sustainable energy development. During their visit, they will work closely with the Colorado School of Mines and visit the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the Office of Indian Energy Economic Development in Colorado. They will also travel to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico to see how U.S. Native American communities balance energy development with responsibility to the community.

Later this year, the Colorado School of Mines will complete the exchange program by sending a team of researchers from the United States to Bolivia to consult on how to develop Bolivia's potential of sustainable geothermal energy for economic development. Through this program, the Bolivian community leaders will gain valuable scientific knowledge on how to effectively harness such energy in their communities in a manner that both respects traditions and benefits society, as exemplified by their counterparts in the Native American communities in the United States.